Routes dispersal guidelines

191. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of route dispersal guidelines issued by Government for better regulation of air transport services of different regions of the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the air routes have been categorised; and

(c) whether all the private airlines are complying with the air routes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) In terms of the Route Dispersal Guidelines, all scheduled airlines are required to deploy at least 10% of the capacity deployed by them on trunk routes (*i.e.* Category I routes) on the routes to North-Eastern States, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep (Category II routes). 10% of the capacity so deployed on Category II routes, is to be deployed for connectivity within these regions.

The operator is also required to deploy in Category III, at least 50% of the capacity deployed on routes in Category I.

All scheduled operators who operate on Category I routes meet the requirements of route dispersal guidelines.

Cancellation of flights due to bad weather

†192. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of flights of Indian Airlines, Air India and private airlines cancelled due to bad weather during the last two months, i.e. December, 2005 and January, 2006;

(b) whether it is a fact that there was no improvement in the situation despite installation of equipments for tackling the said situations;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of airports in the country having the said facility;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) whether Government propose to carry out any study for tackling the said situations and utilizing said equipments efficiently; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) A total of 227 flights of Jet Airways, 64 flights of Sahara Airlines, 805 flights of Air Deccan, 43 flights of Kingfisher Airlines, 72 flights of Spice Jet, 6 flights of Go Air, 3 flights of Air India Limited, 56 flights of Indian Airlines Limited and 59 flights of Alliance Air Services Limited, were affected/cancelled in the country due to bad weather during this winter season.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The situation has shown improvement. However, the CAT-III Instrument Landing System (ILS) at IGI airport could be used only by airlines whose pilots were trained to fly in CAT III ILS conditions. Indian Airlines Limited, Air India Limited and most of the international airlines are using the CAT-III ILS at Delhi airport.

(d) CAT-III ILS has been installed at Delhi airport only.

(e) and (f) Training of pilots and their authorisation by Directorate General of Civil Aviation for use of Cat-III ILS is mandatory before using the system during fog. Airlines have been impressed upon to step up training of their pilots in Cat III ILS operations.

Utilisation of new ILS at Delhi airport

193. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Airports Authority of India has spent about Rs. 55 crore for installing the Instrument Landing System (ILS) at Delhi airport; and

(b) if so, whether this money is well spent considering that only a few airlines use the newly installed Instrument Landing System?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. A number of international airlines including Air India and Indian Airlines have utilized this system during winter season of past two years.